

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between

**The High Speed Rail Authority of the Government of the State of California,
United States of America**

And

**The Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation,
Kingdom of Belgium**

PARTIES

The High-Speed Rail Authority of the Government of California, United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the **CHSRA**), represented by _____

and

The Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Kingdom of Belgium, representing in this agreement all relevant federal and regional administrations and agencies in Belgium (hereinafter referred to as the **Belgian FPS Foreign Affairs**), represented by Mr. Geert Criel, Consul General of Belgium in Los Angeles;

On the ____ day of _____ at _____;

With awareness of the potential economic, social and environmental benefits to be derived from the development of high-speed rail transportation;

Express here their understanding to promote a cooperative relationship as follows:

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The CHSRA and the Belgian FPS Foreign Affairs intend to establish and develop a long-term cooperation in the field of high-speed rail transportation.

This agreement provides for the exchange of information relative to the planning and development of transportation systems, technical standards, technologies, procurement methods and submissions, funding options, operation and maintenance of high-speed rail transportation systems, and any other relevant information, in accordance with their common interests.

The exchange of information will occur as deemed necessary and appropriate and subject to respective personnel availability and budgetary sources. When it is considered useful each Party shall comment on the information provided by the other Party.

CONTACT POINTS

The following contact points will be used to channel information, requests or proposals to and from both Parties:

For the CHSRA: _____.

For the Belgian FPS Foreign Affairs: Mr. Geert Criel, Consul-general of Belgium in Los Angeles (and his successors). The Belgian contact point will regroup the information, requests or proposals from and to the different relevant federal and regional administrations and agencies in Belgium.

TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this agreement with 10 days notice in writing to the other party.

LIMITATION

This agreement calls for the voluntary exchange of information which is otherwise public information, and the exchange of which is not prohibited by law or against public policy. No right of enforcement is created by this agreement. The agreement does not constitute an agreement for the provision of goods or services in exchange for compensation, nor does it represent any commitment for a future agreement of that sort. This agreement is not exclusive, and each party is free to enter into similar agreements with other entities with an interest and expertise in high-speed rail transportation.

CONFIDENTIALITY

No information which one party considers to be confidential shall be released to the other party unless the other party is given prior notice of the confidentiality of such information and agrees beforehand that it will accept such information subject to the assertion of confidentiality. This provision is intended to give the receiving party an opportunity to determine whether the laws which govern it permit it to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

Signed on _____.

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